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(ii) whether the Government are aware that the President of the Mangalore Taluk Board contravened rule 7 of the aforesaid rules by supplying, to members who wished to vote, blank slips of paper without printing or typing the names of all taluk board members and asking the members to write out with their hand on the said slips the names of the candidates whom they wished to vote for ;

(c) (i) whether the Government are aware that the said president misread or never read out rule 9 of the said rules to the meeting and misrepresented that candidates for election were not entitled to vote ;

(ii) whether it is not a fact that owing to such misrepresentation of the president the candidates for election never voted at all ;

(d) whether the Government have any objection to ascertain whether such departures have been made by presidents of other taluk boards in the Presidency ; and

(e) in case of any such instances being found, whether the Government have any objection to call the attention of the presidents concerned to the gravity of the matter and to issue a Government Order urging upon a strict observance of such rules ?

A.--(a) (i) The answer is in the affirmative.

(ii) The answer is in the negative.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information. If the rules were contravened in the course of the election, the remedy lies in the presentation of a petition to the Civil Court in accordance with the rules framed by Government in that behalf.

(d) & (e) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by such an enquiry.

MR. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“In view of the serious allegations, may I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of dealing with these questions departmentally ?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“Sir, the suggestion will be considered.”

British Empire Exhibition.

Participation in the Wembley Exhibition of 1925.

*210 Q.—RAI BAHADUR T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether this Government intend—

(a) to partake in the continuance of the Wembley Exhibition in London in 1925 ;

(b) to contribute towards the expenditure thereof ;

(c) to depute the same or other officers to proceed to London for the purpose ; and

(d) to place on the table of this House the report, if any, of the officers concerned concerning the activities and the achievements of the Madras Court in the last year's exhibition ?

A.—(a) (b) & (c) No such proposals have as yet been considered,

(d) Yes.

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Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I know whether any proposals have been made ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ No, Sir.”

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—“ With reference to clause (d), may I know when the report will be ready to be placed on the table of the House ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ As soon as it is received.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Was there not a preliminary report ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ A small press communiqué was issued.”

The British Empire Exhibition.

* 211 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when the Statement of Accounts of British Empire Exhibition will be placed on the table of the House ;

(b) whether Madras has been consulted in regard to the participation in the exhibition this year ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to consult the Legislative Council before agreeing to take part ; if not why not ?

A.—(a) As soon as it has been received and considered by Government.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Mr. President, Sir, with your kind permission, may I give a personal explanation regarding the answer given by the hon. the Home Member to a question with reference to the scavenging work in jails. I should like to draw the attention of the hon. the Home Member to question No. 730, dated 13th October 1924, wherein it is clearly stated by the Government that the scavenging work is usually allotted to convicts who belong to the totti class and when these are not available no caste persons are employed in accordance with the principle laid down in rule 28 of the Jail Manual.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The hon. Member may revive the subject in any future question of his. I do not think I can allow him to ask a question in the name of a personal explanation. I do not think this is a personal explanation. I believe the hon. Member wishes to refute something that was said by the hon. the Home Member on the subject yesterday. It is open to him to address another question to the hon. the Home Member if he wants to dispute the accuracy of his statement.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ I shall give separate notice of the question.”